

QUALIFYING – 111TH TEXAS AMATEUR

The Courses at Watters Creek | July 12, 2020

NOTICE TO PLAYERS



Play is governed by the 2019 Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A, its clarifications and interpretations, 2020 Texas Golf Association Local Rules and Terms of the Competition ('Hard Card') and where applicable, the following Local Rules. All Local Rules listed on The Courses at Watters Creek scorecards, notice boards or posted on the course are **not** in effect for this championship. Unless otherwise noted below, penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

1. **Format/Tees:** The sectional qualifying is scheduled for 18 holes of individual stroke play. Players are competing for 8 qualifying spots and 4 alternate positions. Play will be contested from The Courses at Watters Creek 'BLACK' tee markers.
2. **Automotive Transportation:** Players may walk or ride in sectional qualifying at their discretion. Carts are limited to two (2) riders at a time and two (2) carts per group. **While there is more than one player in a cart, facemasks MUST be worn.** Players are allowed to place their clubs on the cart and walk without having to wear a facemask. Violations or intentional disregard will be considered a breach of the TGA Code of Conduct. For more information, see the updated TGA Covid-19 Championship Guidelines.
3. **Playoffs:** Ties for the last qualifying spot and alternate positions will be broken by a sudden death hole-by-hole playoff. There will be no playoff for medalist. The playoff will begin immediately after all scores have been approved and posted online by TGA. **All announcements pertaining to the playoff will be made at the scoreboard/scoring area.**
4. **Scoring:** Scores must be attested and verified verbally immediately after completing the qualifying round to the designated TGA scoring area, which is located behind #18 Putting Green. The scorecard is considered returned when the player verbally approved what is online/tv.
5. **Out of Bounds:** In addition to the items listed on the 2020 Texas Golf Association Hard Card, Out of Bounds is defined by:
 - The inside edge/curbing (golf course side) of paved roadways and parking lots
 - The white dots define out of bounds for under the overpass left of #10
 - The White line to the right and behind of #7 green;
 - White posts & stakes;
 - Barb Wire fence behind #14;
 - Property Fence; When a property fence lies on top of an obstruction, that obstruction defines Out of Bounds**Note:** A ball that crosses a roadway defined as a boundary and comes to rest beyond that boundary is deemed to be out of bounds even if that ball may lie on another part of the course.
6. **No Play Zones:** All flower beds and ornamental plantings located in the General Area, as well as the Turf Nursery adjacent to the 1st tee are treated as No Play Zones from which play is prohibited. Relief is MANDATORY under Rule 16.1f.
7. **Staked Areas/Native Areas:** Areas enclosed in green stake with colored rope are to control cart traffic only. These areas DO NOT signify Ground Under Repair unless encircled with White Paint. Stakes and Ropes are moveable obstructions.
8. **Stones Adjacent to Cart Paths:** Stones located adjacent to cart paths are deemed to be part of the same obstruction. Relief without penalty is available under Rule 16.
9. **Edging Groove Around Putting Green:** If a player's ball comes to rest in the narrow groove/trench made on the collar of the putting green, the player may obtain free relief under 16.1b for the lie of the ball and area of intended swing only. When proceeding under this option, the player must drop it, without penalty, at the nearest point of complete relief that is not in a penalty area or nearer the hole. The ball must remain in the General Area (cannot be dropped/placed on the Putting Green).
10. **Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas – Hole #3:** If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the penalty area, the player may: (a) proceed under Rule 17; or (b) as an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke in the Dropping Zone provided. Dropping Zone Locations: *Hole #3 – Approximately 95 yards*
11. **Flagsticks:** Flagsticks may not be touched or removed. Violations or intentional disregard will be considered a breach of the TGA Code of Conduct. For more information, see the TGA Covid-19 Championship Guidelines.
12. **Bunkers:** When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:
 - Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
 - Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: One club-length, the reference point, **but** with these limits:
 - Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - Must be in the bunker.In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.
13. **Doubt as to Procedure:** If a competitor is in doubt as to a procedure under the rules and a referee is not proximately available, to avoid delay he may play a second ball under Rule 20.1c(3). He **must** report the facts to the Committee before returning his scorecard, otherwise he is subject to **disqualification**. **David Kissane, Staff in Charge, Cell Phone (978-621-2662)**
14. **Evacuation Procedure:** In case of a dangerous situation or suspension of play, players will evacuate the golf course and return to the main clubhouse for further instructions.
15. **Pace of Play:** The established Pace of Play for The Courses at Watters Creek is 4:40 hours for 18 holes.